

ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All our parishioners have the right to feel safe and welcome. If you have any concerns, please contact the Safeguarding Officer, Sumitha Moses.

"Child Safety is Everyone's Responsibility"

<https://www.stgerards.org.au/child-safety-professional-standards/>

Readings for Mass - Saint Mary of the Cross - Sunday, 8th August, 2021

Entrance Antiphon: Come, you blessed of My Father, says the Lord: I was sick, and you visited Me. Amen, I say to you: whatever you did for one of the least of My brethren, you did it for Me.

First Reading - 1Kings 17:8-16

And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, 'Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.' So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks. Addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please', he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: *Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth.*' The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm: My soul clings to You; Your right hand holds me fast.

Second Reading - Colossians 3:12-17

As the chosen of God, the holy people whom He loves, you are to be clothed in heartfelt compassion, in generosity and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other if one of you has a complaint against another. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, put on love, the perfect bond. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together in one body. Always be thankful. Let the Word of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and whatever you say or do, let it be in the name of the Lord Jesus, in thanksgiving to God the Father through Him.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after Him. ***Alleluia!***

Gospel Reading - Matthew 6: 25-34

Jesus said to His disciples: I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and what you are to wear. Surely life is more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, however much you worry, add one single cubit to your span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin: yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his royal robes was clothed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the wild flowers growing in the field which are there today and thrown in to the furnace tomorrow, will He not much more look after you, you have so little faith? So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? What are we to wear?" It is the gentiles who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on His kingdom first, and on God's saving justice, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Communion Antiphon: This is how all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another, says the Lord.

Daily Antiphons - Monday August 9 to Saturday August 14, 2021

Monday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 9, 2021:

Entrance Antiphon: Look to Your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of Your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend Your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek You.

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Saint Lawrence - Tuesday, August 10, 2021:

Entrance Antiphon: This is the blessed Lawrence who gave himself up for the treasure of the Church: for this he earned the suffering of martyrdom to ascend with joy to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy the merciful who give to those in need.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows Me will have the light of life. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Whoever serves Me must follow Me and where I am there also will My servant be, says the Lord.

Saint Clare - Wednesday, August 11, 2021:

Entrance Antiphon: I despised the kingdom of the world and all worldly finery for love of my Lord, Jesus Christ, whom I have seen, whom I have loved, in whom I have believed, in whom has been my delight.

Responsorial Psalm: Blessed be God who filled my soul with life!

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to Himself; and the Good News of reconciliation He has entrusted to us. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: One thing is necessary: she has chosen the better part, which shall not be taken away from her.

Thursday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 12, 2021

Entrance Antiphon: Look to Your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of Your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend Your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek You.

Responsorial Psalm: Alleluia!

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Let Your face shine on Your servant, and teach me Your laws. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Friday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time - Friday, August 13, 2021:

Entrance Antiphon: Look to Your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of Your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend Your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek You.

Responsorial Psalm: His love is everlasting.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Receive this message not as human words, but as truly the word of God. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe - Saturday August 14, 2021

Entrance Antiphon: Come, you blessed of My Father, says the Lord. Amen, I say to you: Whatever you did for one of the least of My brethren, you did it for Me.

Responsorial Psalm: You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Blessed are You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. *Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: Greater love has no one than to lay down his life for his friends, says the Lord.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil Mass, August 7th
Saint Mary of the Cross

Mass 5:30pm Edgar George
(Remembrance)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, August 8th

Mass 8:30am Josianne Fauverelle &
Jacques Duhau
(Anniversary of Death &
Remembrance)

Mass 10:30am William Issaef
(Remembrance)

and Birthday Thanksgiving

Mass 3:30pm Tamil Community

Mass 5:30pm Ninette Loos
(Anniversary of Death)

Monday, August 9th

Mass 9:15am Glen Latchford
(Remembrance)

and Ignacio Barretto
(Anniversary of Death)

Tuesday, August 10th - Saint Lawrence

Mass 9:15am Stephen Mollica
(Anniversary of Death)

Wednesday, August 11th - Saint Clare

Mass 9:15am Jean Blackburn
(Anniversary of Death)

and Magdaline Ghosh
(First Anniversary of Death)

Thursday, August 12th

Mass 9:15am Karen Ballantyne
(Anniversary of Death)

and Hedley Simonet
(Anniversary of Death)

Friday, August 13th

Mass 9:15am Pamela Francis &
Anthony Denis Domingo
(Anniversary of Death)

No Adoration due to lockdown

Saturday, August 14th -
Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe

Mass 9:15am Glenda W. Pennant
(Recently Deceased)

Please remember to pray for...

Our sick: Neil Biggins, Giovanna McKercher, Hercules Pillay, Kateri Byrnes, Victoria Briglia, Karen Daniells, Brian Edwards, Peter Shaw-Dennis, Rosemary Zaher, Allan Welsh, Viena Savannah, Kusum Wickremasinghe, Carl DeRozario, Anton Jayamaha, Joseph Irudairaj, Marie Savannah, Cedric & Deborah Rowland, Michelle Bugone

The recently deceased: Jacques Duhau, Aliya Marie Wylie, Santhampillai Mathaspillai, Christopher and Joseph, Lisa Andrews, Marie Savannah Villena

Anniversaries/Remembrances: Benoy Varkey, William Issaef, Ninette Loos

Reading Roster

August

Sat. 7th 5:30pm No Mass

Sun. 8th 8:30am No Mass

10:30am Live-stream

5:30pm No Mass

August

Sat. 14th 5:30pm C. Fernando

Sun. 15th 8:30am G. Markezic

10:30am M. Lourdunathan

5:30pm M. Yallapa

Church Cleaning

Saturday,
14th August,
Moses Family,
Vincent, Mary,
Rebecca

Saturday,
21st August,
Legion of Mary

Church Closed

We have sadly entered another lockdown and the Church is now closed. This current lockdown commenced at 8:00 pm, Thursday 5th August, and will extend for seven days or until otherwise notified.

Bookings to attend Mass are unfortunately cancelled for Saturday 7th, and Sunday 8th, August 2021.

We will live-stream Mass on Sunday 8th August at 10:30am. Please visit the following link to watch:

<https://fb.me/e/1Hhgc6riL>

We recently announced that we will not be sending emails to parishioners, but now, due to this current lockdown, we will attempt once again to email to keep you informed with parish news.

Please check your Spam/Junk/Promotions folders for emails from us. We are still awaiting instruction from our IT department on how to rectify this situation and hope it will be fixed soon. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Our staff will work remotely, Monday to Friday from 9.00am-2.30pm. Please phone 9792 4422 or email dandenongnorth@cam.org.au or visit our website stgerards.org.au for updates.

PARISH NOTICES

Information Session Amended Date - Permanent Diaconate

Due to Covid restrictions the information session date has been moved into September. **No longer on Saturday 14 August, the Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held**

on Saturday 4 September, 10:00 -11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne. For further information contact Deacon Kevin Pattison: Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

Watch: Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0>

Watch: Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons <https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

Read More: <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 335 (Email) diaconate@cam.org.au

Heart of Life - Position Vacant

Part-time General Office Assistant, Mondays 9am-3pm, with potential for Tuesdays also, at Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, located at Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern. To assist with social media, Zoom support, administrative and general duties. Job description and applications (by 28 August 2021): contact the Secretary, email secretary@heartoflife.melbourne, or 9890 1101.

Mary MacKillop Prayer

Ever generous God, You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop to live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and constant in bringing hope and encouragement to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy. With confidence in your generous providence and through the intercession of Saint Mary MacKillop. We ask that you grant our request (say request). We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust and openness. Ever generous God hear our prayer. We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Marian Coronavirus Prayer

O Clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary, we, your children of every nation, turn to you during this pandemic. Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great. Grant that we might deposit them all at your feet, take refuge in your Immaculate Heart, and obtain peace, healing, rescue and timely help in all of our needs. You are our Mother - Pray for us to your Son, Amen.

Act of Consecration to St. Joseph

O Glorious Patriarch and Patron of the Church! O Virgin Spouse of the Virgin Mother of God!
O Guardian and Virginal Father of the Word Incarnate! In the presence of Jesus and Mary, I choose you this day to be my father, my guardian, and my protector.

O great St. Joseph, whom God has made the Head of the Holy Family, accept me, I beseech you, though utterly unworthy, to be a member of your "Holy House." Present me to your Immaculate Spouse; ask her also to adopt me as her child: With her, pray that I may constantly think of Jesus, and serve Him faithfully to the end of my life. O Terror of Demons, increase in me virtue, protect me from the evil one, and help me not to offend God in any way.

O my spiritual father, I hereby consecrate myself to you. In faithful imitation of Jesus and Mary, I place myself and all my concerns under your care and protection. To you, after Jesus and Mary, I consecrate my body and soul, with all their faculties, my spiritual growth, my home, and all my affairs and undertakings. Forsake me not, but adopt me as a servant and child of the Holy Family. Watch over me at all times, but especially at the hour of my death. Console and strengthen me with the presence of Jesus and Mary so that, with you, I may praise and adore the Holy Trinity for all eternity.
Amen.